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Ms. Stacy Foster  
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**RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Number: EPA-HQ-2013-006404**

Dear Ms. Foster:

This is in response to your FOIA request dated May 13, 2013, requesting the following records: "a copy of all comments, written or otherwise, received by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the proposed PPRTV and RfD for cobalt."


The National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) has been assigned the lead to respond to your FOIA request under the Office of Research and Development (ORD) within the EPA). Enclosed is a listing of records that pertain to this FOIA request. Emails/attachments are being withheld because they are pre-decisional and deliberative process privileged and therefore exempt under Exemption 5 of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(5) (2006). Also enclosed are releasable documents that are related to your FOIA request.

This completes EPA's response to your request. You may appeal this response to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, D.C. 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), Fax: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or via FOIA online:

<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, D.C. 20004. Your appeal must be in writing and submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30-calendar day limit. The appeal letter should include the case identification: EPA-HQ-2013-006404. For faster processing, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Mr. Brent Bohn, ORD/NCEA, (703) 347-8542

Sincerely,



A stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy E. Battaglia'.

Amy E. Battaglia, Director  
Office of Program Accountability and Resource  
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Enclosures